Vermont Department of Health NDCAP Report

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Updates

- The Health Department has for thirteen months had its Health Operations Center open to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For the last four months, all employees have only conducted what are Tier 1 activities with all other time devoted to the response.
- Vermont Yankee decommissioning oversight is a Tier 1 activity, but our resources for oversight are prioritized to:
 - Twice-monthly updates with DEC, PSD and NorthStar
 - Environmental monitoring of effluents in the water and air and direct gamma radiation measurements at the property line,
 - Periodic inspections,
 - ANR discharge permit review, and
 - Assessment of radioactive waste shipments.

Findings

- The twice-monthly updates are very informative with sufficient detail to understand the general nature and pace of decommissioning work.
- Environmental monitoring continues to measure no evidence of environmental releases or excessive radiation.
- Periodic inspections have been extremely valuable so we can see changes in person.
- Discharge permit for extraction wells up-gradient and on west side of turbine building.
 - Goal is to identify nuclear-reactor-related radionuclides at low concentrations and investigate why.







